

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

GUNJI et al.

Application No.: 09/926,299

Filing Date: October 9, 2001

For: L-AMINO ACID PRODUCING  
BACTERIUM AND METHOD FOR  
PRODUCING L-AMINO ACID

Art Unit: 1656

Examiner: David J. Steadman

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. The following are submitted:

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114:
  - a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
    - i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
    - ii. ☒ Other: Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 filed December 15, 2005
  - b. ☐ Enclosed
    - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
    - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
    - iv. ☐ Other
2. Miscellaneous
  - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Periods of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required).
  - b. ☐ Other
3. Fees – The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
  - a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_
    - i. ☐ The RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)
    - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)
    - iii. ☐ Other

- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$                      enclosed  
c. ☒ Payment by credit card via EFS-Web processing

Respectfully submitted,

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